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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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64-79919	Japan	March 24, 1989
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The above references were cited in an International Search Report dated August 17, 1999 (copy of search report and references enclosed).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application.

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